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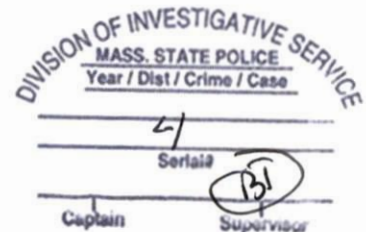
TO: Detective Lieutenant Brian Tully, #3520

FROM: Sergeant Yuriy Bukhenik, #3543

SUBJECT: Firefighter Daniel Whitley (DOB (c)) at Norfolk DA's RE:
O'Keefe MV Homicide

Case: 2022-112-33

1. On January 29, 2022, at approximately 6:04AM Canton Police Department received a 911 call from a woman reporting a male party, John O'Keefe found in the snow at 34 Fairview Road. At the time of the 911 call there was heavy snow and the temperature was in the teens. Officers Saraf and Mullaney, were dispatched to the scene along with Canton Fire and EMS. One of the responding Canton Fire Department personnel was Daniel Whitley (DOB (c)) who came into the Norfolk District Attorney's Office for a prescheduled interview on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 10:00 AM. The following is a summary of information requested and provided by Daniel during that interview with Tpr. Proctor and me.



2. Daniel has been employed by the Canton Fire Department for the last 16 years. On January 29, 2022, Daniel was working his regular shift assigned to Ambulance 2 out of Station 2. At approximately 6:42 AM a section 12 call came in for a behavior / Psych which his ambulance responded to since Ambulance 1 had previously transported and treated male victim O'Keefe.
3. Upon arrival at 34 Fairview Road. Daniel made contact with Officer Mullaney who was one of the initial first responders on scene, who stated Karen Read had made suicidal statements. Office Mullaney also handed Daniel the section 12 he had filled out. Daniel told us that the section 12 had the wrong name and was not valid as a result, and he convinced Karen to go with them to the hospital voluntarily. In Daniel's presence Karen stated "My husband, my husband, is he dead? If he dies, I want to die." Daniel told us that he did not know what happened prior to his arrival on scene or O'Keefe's condition at the time and could not address Karen's concerns for O'Keefe. Karen asked how long someone could survive given the conditions and having suffered from hypothermia.
4. Once inside the ambulance Daniel stated that Karen was calm, although she did not want to go with them initially, she did want to go and see O'Keefe's progress at the hospital. While in the ambulance Karen stated "I can't believe my husband is dead. I can't raise these kids on my own." Daniel confirmed that there was two paramedics in the rear with one driving the ambulance, which is a standard practice for their department involving psych or alcohol and drug related calls. Karen also asked "Could he still be alive?" Daniel told us that he answered that "We don't know, there is still a possibility." Given the fact that hypothermic patients will not be determined deceased until their core temperature is raised back up.
5. Upon their arrival at the Good Samaritan ER, Karen asked to see O'Keefe, and Daniel told her that he would have to check with the doctor who was going to be evaluating her. Typically patients being evaluated for psychological reasons would need to pee in a cup in addition to other procedures, therefore Daniel stated that it would be some time prior to Karen being able to see O'Keefe. Once Daniel conferenced with the lead doctor, Karen was requested to change into a Johnnie, which she was reluctant to do. Daniel could not confirm that Karen provided a urine sample or a blood sample at Good Samaritan Hospital.
6. Daniel shared with us that at some point it was communicated that Karen stated "They got into an argument," which was documented in Daniel's partner's official Canton FD report. Daniel

however, was not around to hear those statements made by Karen. (c) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

7. We asked Daniel about the conditions at the time he arrived on scene at 34 Fairview Road, to which he stated he remembers approximately 4 to 5 inches of snow and the road conditions were extremely deteriorated from the previous call when his ambulance team went out at 1:00 AM. Daniel added that when he arrived on scene Karen was with Kerry Roberts, who he knows from having been neighbors with her and that it was around Kerry that there was mention of an argument between Karen and O'Keefe. During Daniel's initial evaluation of Karen inside the ambulance, Karen stated that she made those statements, referring to her wanting to die, but she obviously did not feel that way. Daniel told us that he was reluctant to transport Karen to the hospital based on what she was saying to him at the scene. It was not until Officer Saraf stated that Karen called multiple family members saying that she wanted to kill herself, that the decision to transport Karen was finalized. Daniel once again confirmed that he was not sure from whom he learned, but prior to leaving the scene on their way to Good Samaritan, Daniel had gained the information that there was an argument that occurred between Karen and O'Keefe. Daniel also learned of O'Keefe's injuries at some point prior to the transport, and those being scratches on the arm and a black eye.

8. Without being able to provide additional information, we thanked Daniel for coming in and concluded the interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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